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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Honor and Merit Awards Board

I am pleased to endorse personally the attached recommendation for the award of the Intelligence Medal of Merit to surfaced early in his career as a "comer" and he subsequently and repeatedly fulfilled that promise. He has won by hard work and true ability ever-widening respect and admiration within the Agency and

We regret, from a selfish Agency viewpoint, his decision to retire prior to reaching the ultimate scope of responsibilities of which he is capable.

(signed) John W. Coffey

John W. Coffey Deputy Director for Support

Att: Recommendation for Honor or Merit

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